

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 94

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Rebecca Harris on the occasion of her retirement as Deputy Director of the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Harris is one such estimable person who served with probity for thirty-five years with the Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) and took her much-deserved retirement at the end of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the UCHRA Deputy Director, Mrs. Harris joined the agency in 1985 as a clerk in the workforce division and later moved to the Community Services department; in 1989, she was named the county coordinator for White and Van Buren counties and became involved in transportation; and

WHEREAS, as the Transportation Services Director from 2001 to 2020, Rebecca Harris oversaw a dramatic increase in the number of routes throughout the fourteen-county region during her tenure; today, the agency makes five or more trips to Nashville each day, and the number of drivers and buses has increased from forty and sixty to 140 and 110, respectively. UCHRA provides more transit trips and receives more funds than any other rural system in the State; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris spent the majority of her time planning the next two, three, and five years on behalf of UCHRA; this included new partnerships to bring unique service offerings to the region, such as the recent partnership with Tennessee Technological University (TTU) and others to develop an electrical vehicle testbed in the region. This partnership will also include an all-electric E-450 shuttle bus, which will be operated by UCHRA as the first all-

electric vehicle in the agency's public transportation fleet and will serve the campus of TTU and downtown Cookeville before moving out into the region; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Harris exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Tim Harris; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Rebecca Harris demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and her community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that, on behalf of a grateful public, we extend to Rebecca Harris our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.